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In re application: Albazz et al.

Serial No.: 09/827,431

Filed: April 6, 2001

For: System and Method for Generating a Contract and **Conducting Contractual Activities** 

**Under the Contract** 

Group Art Unit: 3621

Examiner: Elisca, Pierre E.

Attorney Docket No.: CA92000034US1

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